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- 1 : And we have Bank of New York versus Paul Jones.
- 2 : Good morning, Your Honor.
- 3 J: Good morning.
- 4 CULLEN: Good morning, Your Honor. John F. Cullen for the
- 5 defendant.
- 6 J: I'm sorry. What's your name again, Counsel.
- 7 CULLEN: Cullen. C-U-L-L-E-N, John F.
- 8 J: All right.
- 9 CULLEN: Your Honor, I've spoken with counsel outside and I'm
- 10 making a motion to dismiss the case on several grounds
- 11 (inaudible). My brother was not given by his client my
- 12 answer or the case law. This is the second time this case
- 13 has been here in 90 days. The first time --
- 14 J: Excuse me.
- 15 CULLEN: -- the case was dismissed by the court.
- 16 Excuse me. You all set?
- 17 J: Um-hmm.
- 18 CULLEN: OK.
- 19 J: Yes.
- 20 CULLEN: It was dismissed by the court and the court allowed
- 21 counsel for the -- for the plaintiff at that point of time
- 22 to withdraw his appearance to avoid sanctions because of a
- failure to follow the Rules of Civil Procedure in the
- 24 following case and not properly recording the -- the

- foreclosure deed. Now, in this case, we're in it the
- 2 second time, yet the statute 18 -- Mass General Laws
- 3 Chapter 181(6), the 14-day notice to quit was never served
- 4 in this case. Secondly, on February 9th, and as my answer
- 5 indicates, the plaintiff served on the defendant the
- 6 complaint for eviction. On the 25th of February, the
- 7 plaintiff then recorded a foreclosure deed. OK. This is
- 8 seven months after the foreclosure sale. Now, between the
- 9 19th and the 25th, the defendant had no opportunity to
- 10 respond or to ask questions as to why he was being sued
- 11 because the plaintiff had to file with the court. They
- 12 didn't file the complaint with the court until March 3¹⁰.
- Between March 19th and March 3th, there was no --
- 14 J: You mean February 19th?
- 15 CULLEN: February 19th to March 3rd.
- 16 J: 19th to March 3rd?
- 17 CULLEN: Yes.
- 18 d: QK.
- 19 CULLEN: So there's no complaint. So on those grounds, it has
- 20 to be dismissed as a matter of law under Rule 11 and 12 of
- 21 Massachusetts Rules of Procedure Civil Procedure. They
- once again failed to comply with the rules. They've been
- warned the last time by this court, if they failed to
- follow the rules, common law sanctions would be sanctioned

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- against them for their conduct of not following the rules
- 2 and not protecting the interest of the defendant and the
- 3 due process right.
- 4 J: Counsel?
- 5 M1: If Your Honor please, I'm -- I was not aware of all these
- facts until counsel (inaudible) paper. I was covering the
- 7 matter with outside counsel. It is it is --
- 8 J: And you're not happy that you're doing it right now?
- 9 Ml: No, not at all, Your Honor. I've represented these --
- 10 this firm before and this is the flist time I've been in a
- 11 situation like this, in all honest, Your Honor. This
- 12 appears to rise out of a foreclosure action, as far as I
- 13 know, as far as you and I can see. And that's based on --
- 14 I'm not going to object to my brother's dismissal.
- 15 J: OK.
- 16 M1: Obviously on the basis of what he filed or obviously want
- 17 the office to have -- get these copies, which they may
- have, I'm not sure, and have a chance to review it and
- 19 deal with it at their end.
- 20 CULLEN: Your Honor, this -- this was marked down for a trial
- by the court for a particular reason. That it involved a
- (inaudible) complaint, they would mark it down for trial.
- But the leason is that there are no witnesses. They're
- 24 unable to show that in fact they are the holder of a

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1 (inaudible) mortgage. This came up the first time and 2 that's why the counsel who was representing the moving 3 party at that time withdrew. They have no evidence whatsoever. Not one scintilla of evidence that, in fact, 4 5 that they own the mortgage and there was a rightful 6 foreclosure sale. But putting that aside, the is -- the 7 (inaudible) complaint has to be dismissed as a matter of 8 law. The question is whether the court will -- as the 9 court suggested before, impose certain conditions if a 10 second complaint or a third complaint is filed. In other 11 words, case law from the court of appeals going way back 12 to 1919, with reference to the subsequent case... 13 So I've never seen one like this where the --14 CULLEN: Well, it's interesting. I talked with the clerk's 15 office because I was going to call them as a witness if we 16 went to trial, OK. And the clerk's office tells me the consistent policy with this clerk's office is that the 17 18 moving party types out the complaint, OK, and then comes 19 in, files it on the date that they decided, OK. So that 20 then the ten-day period begins to commence. No one has ever seen a complaint where the defendant in this case has 21 33 been served prior to filing his complaint. 23 J: Right. And that's what -- that's what's really unusual 24 about it.

1 CULLEN: Well, I think -- I think, Your Monor, to -- to explain it, there have been a series of missteps by this 2 firm all the way through this case, including the 3 4 foreclosure. Now, this is a -- now, this is another one 5 that (inaudible) this plaintiff and they can't proceed 6 because they don't have the mortgage. They -- they've 7 alleged at the beginning, when the court asked them, "Where's the mortgage?" "I don't know. We don't have it." 8 G Well, you can't proceed with a foreclosure action =- and I -- I told them at the foreclosure sale that they had no 10 right to move. That's a separate action, a distinct civil 11 12 procedure action against the New York Bank and the law firm. The only thing that's before it is the eviction. 13 Now, the question that I raise is the question of whether 14 15 the court will impose common law sanctions based on the 16 fact that this is - this is absolutely outrageous conduct to come into a court, file a complaint, and then secondly 17 not explain to the court... It's actually, as you know, 18 19 there's a mandatory (inaudible) to the court. This is a 20 false statement to the judicial panel, which is in fact a misdemeanor. And also with sanctionable -- sanctionable 21 22 under the bar -- BBO. In -- unfortunately, my brother is in front of the situate -- what they do is they find some 23 atterney that they call on the phone who knows nothing 24

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- 1 about the case, the second time, and they say that I'm
- 2 here only (inaudible).
- 3 J: Do you have a written motion, Counsel, for a motion to
- dismiss? 4
- CULLEN: I -- I don't. 5
- J: Or just the answer here? 6
- CULLEN: I have the answer. I can turn the caption of the --7
- 8 of the answer into a motion to dismiss based on the facts
- 17 contained in the answer.
- J: Well -- no. You ask here in the -- where the defendant 10
- pays that the judgment of dismissal be entered. 11
- CULLEN: That's right. I -- I left it in the end. Yeah. 12
- Yeah. All right. Matter will be dismissed. 13
- 14 CUILEN: The question is whether the court will consider
- 15 dismissing with prejudice (inaudible).
- I. Well, that's what I want I want to read over all the --1.6
- the paperwork for this. Definitely going to be dismissed. 17
- If you give me a moment, I just want to read your answer 18
- 19 thoroughly.
- 20 CULLEN: Thank you.
- J: Give me one moment. You also rely on the 14-day notice 21
- 22 from back in December.
- 23 CULLEN: Yeah. They can't do it --
- ē: You can't do that. 24

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- 1 CULLEN: (inaudible) can't do it in the other case. The
- 2 Appeals Court has clearly indicated -- we're -- if there
- 3 was a second -- if two cases were pending, then there were
- 4 changed circumstances. The Court of Appeals says under
- 5 the changed circumstances rule, you still have to commence
- 6 your 181(6) procedure regar Hess of what's happened in the
- 7 past.
- 8 J: Um-hmm. The motion will be allowed. Let's see. Madame
- 9 Clerk, do we have the form for motions as opposed to
- 10 findings?
- 11 CLERK: We have a motion form that the judge (inaudible). I
- 12 mean --
- 13 J: No, the --
- 14 CLERK: No.
- 15 J: You had -- I had one in the other one. It was -- this is
- the finding of the court with regard to the trial, which
- 17 we have not had.
- 18 CLERK: Right.
- 19 J: But I want --
- 20 CLERK: Because of those motions (inaudible).
- 21 CULLEN: (inaudible) interesting question that you raise. Is
- 22 a question -- it was marked down for trial.
- 23 J: I know.

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CULLEN: And therefore, they -- the plaintiff -- the moving 1 party presented no witnesses, has no evidence at all, so the -- there is two compounding factors. It was whether, in fact, this complaint should be dismissed or judgment 4 should be rendered for the defendant. 5 Oh, that's a very interesting question, because it is Е J: marked for trial. I have a findings sheet here. I have a 7 complaint before me. We can call the case for trial. I 8 don't know if counsel -- what counsel wishes to do. But I 9 think we're putting counsel in an awkward position. 10 M1: If Your Honor pleases, the only documentation that I have 11 other than some copies of the complaint is a copy of the 12 foreclosure deed. And then -- I do not have the recording 13 information on it. (inaudible) ascertainable and the only 14 comment I could make on that is that the title can't rest 15 in limbo. When a foreclosure sale is held, the title does 16 pass at that point in time. With all due respect to my 17 brother, I think there's - in terms of the (inaudible) of 18 foreclosure. I think it has to be done at that time, not 19 after the fact. But that's the only documentation I have 20 that -- at least to that end of it. I can't speak as to 21 the eviction itself. 22 CULLEN: Your Honor, that's not a relevant issue with 23 (inaudible). In fact, the legislature's already dealt 24

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- 1 with that issue and I'm not going to get into it. The
- 2 question is it was a trial set by the court. He has no
- 3 evidence. There is not evidence that he can present
- 4 anything to be said to the court that's not evidence and
- 5 it can't be taken as evidence or construed as evidence.
- So therefore, not having evidence, I ask that the ju -- I 1,
- ask that the court enter a judgment for the defendant, or 7
- in the alternative, dismiss the case with prejudice. 8
- 4 J: Counsel?
- Your Honor, I -- again, I have no additional evidence. 10 M1:
- 11 J: OK.
- (inaudible) situation. 12 Ml:
- Matter will be dismissed with prejudice. Madame Clerk, do 13 J:
- 14 you have that -- in the other case, there was a form.
- CLERK: It was a motion form. 15
- 16 J: Um. . You had it in --
- CLERK: I -- I don't have it here because this was the 17
- 18 appeal.
- J: (inaudible). I'll write it over here. 19
- 20 CLERK: (inaudible) go down and get you one.
- 21 J: (inaudible). We have one -- we have one case left. This
- one here. I'm finishing up this one, right. This one. 22
- 23 OK. .
- 24 J: OK. Oh, oh.

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- : Your Honor (inaudible). 1
- No. You're not understanding, Madame Clerk. In the other 2 J:
- file, there was a form, a court form, that says motion and 3
- it allows me to write my findings, allowed or denied. 4
- CLERK: OK. That -- we don't put that in the summary
- process.
- There was one in the other sugmary process that I just
- had. 6
- CLERK: Oh. You know, it probably was just by accident. But 9
- I see what you're saying. 10
- 11 J: OK.
- CLERK: You don't (inaudible). 12
- J: No, I'll write it on this. All right, thank you. 13
- 14 CLERK: OK.
- CULLEN: Your Honor, may I address the court? 15
- 16 J: Yes.
- CULLEN: The issue of the issue that's raised and I'll give 17
- you the case, you can read it. There's a question now --18
- at this particular point in time, res judicata applies 19
- under the Court of Appeals decision. And they can't bring 20
- forward another complaint unless they can show changed 21
- (inaudible). 22
- J: Correct. 23

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- CULLEN: OK. So I just want to make it clear to counsel that
- the -- the one before, for the record, that res judicata
- could become an issue under the (inaudible) case. The }
- court (inaudible) indicated, we want this (inaudible).
- I definitely would like to take a look at the case. 5
- CULLEN: Your Honor, it's the paragraph that is circled from 6
- 7 below.
- Actually, you know what? What I think I'll do is I think 8
- I may write out a finding and have the court type it up 9
- and send it out to the parties. But it will be -- the 10
- motion to dis -- the bral motion to dismiss will be 11
- allowed with prejudice and I will have a written finding 12
- sent out to the court to the parties. 13
- CULLEN: Your Honor, there are two cases (inaudible) and we'd 14
- like the second case, Your Honor. I will give it to you. 15
- It's a 1913 case with (inaudible) referenced (inaudible). 16
- J: OK. Fine. Thank you. 17
- CULLEN: Madame Clerk. All right. Matter will be dismissed 18
- with prejudice and a written decision will be forthcoming. 19
- CHILLEN: Thank you, Your Honor. 20
- END OF HEARING 21